

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Greinwald <i>et al.</i>
Appl. No.	:	10/786,518
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For	:	MICROARRAY-BASED DIAGNOSIS OF PEDIATRIC HEARING IMPAIRMENT- CONSTRUCTION OF A DEAFNESS GENE CHIP
Examiner	:	Dan Sung C Cho
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

The present paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 7, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith. Also attached is a Declaration of John H. Greinwald, Jr., M.D., FAAP with accompanying references, as proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132. Applicants respectfully request that the above-captioned application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.